UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEVE SANDS,

Plaintiff,

23 Civ. 1517 (LGS)

-against-

**ORDER** 

ZIFF DAVIS, LLC,

Defendant. :

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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, the initial pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for April 12, 2023;

WHEREAS, no significant issues were raised in the parties' joint letter or proposed case management plan. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the April 12, 2023, initial pretrial conference is **cancelled**. If the parties believe that a conference would nevertheless be useful, they should inform the court immediately so the conference can be reinstated. The case management plan and scheduling order will issue in a separate order. The parties' attention is particularly directed to the provisions for periodic status letters, and the need for a pre-motion letter to avoid cancellation of the final conference and setting of a trial date. It is further

**ORDERED** that if Defendant seeks to file a motion to dismiss, it shall file a pre-motion letter pursuant to Individual Rules III.A.1 and III.C.2. It is further

**ORDERED**, regarding settlement discussions, the parties' request for a referral to a settlement conference is **GRANTED**. The referral will issue in a separate order.

The parties should be aware that the Court does not extend the deadlines for fact and expert discovery absent compelling circumstances.

Dated: April 6, 2023

New York, New York

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE